IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (original)   A method of operating a set of devices
comprising receiving a real-world description in the form of an
instruction set of a markup language (300), the description
including asset terms (200) and effect terms (202), requesting
assets and effects according to the terms in the description (304),
modifying at least one asset according to at least one effect (306,
314), and operating the devices according to the assets (308).

2.   (original)   A method according to claim 1, wherein the
modifying of an asset is executed by a first device of the set of
devices, the first device transmitting the modified asset to a
second device in the set.

3.   (currently amended)   A method according to claim 1 or 2,
wherein a device of the set of devices receives an unmodified
asset, the modifying of the asset being executed by that device.

4.   (currently amended)   A method according to claim 1, 2 or
3, and further comprising receiving, as a portion of the real-world

description, location data, the location data being associated with at least one term of the real-world description.

5. (currently amended) A method according to ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, wherein at least one of the terms of the real-world description is location neutral.

6. (currently amended) A method according to claim 4 ~~or 5~~, and further comprising retrieving location information for at least some of the devices in the set of devices, matching the location information with the location data, and modifying only some of the assets according to the matching.

7. (currently amended) A method according to ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, and further comprising distributing the description amongst the devices of the set.

8. (currently amended) A method according to ~~claims 1 to 6~~claim 1, and further comprising reading the description at a local server.

9. (currently amended) A method according to ~~any preceding~~ ~~claim~~claim 1, wherein the modifying of at least one asset comprises modifying an asset according to a plurality of effects.

10. (original) A system comprising a set of devices (10, 12, 28, 14, 24, 26, 16, 18, 20), at least one device of the system being arranged to receive a real-world description in the form of an instruction set of a markup language (300), the description including asset terms (200) and effect terms (202), to request assets and effects according to the terms in the description (304), and to modify at least one asset according to at least one effect (306, 314), the devices of the set being operated according to the assets (308).

11. (original) A system according to claim 10, wherein at least some of the devices of the set are interconnected by a wireless network.

12. (currently amended) A system according to claim 10 ~~or~~ ~~11~~, wherein at least some of the devices of the set are interconnected by a powerline carrier network.

13.   (currently amended)   A system according to ~~any one of claims 10 to 12~~claim 10, wherein a device of the set is a local server.

14.   (currently amended)   A system according to ~~any one of claims 10 to 13~~claim 10, wherein one or more devices of the set of devices is provided with storage capability, which capability is accessible by at least one other device of the set.

15.   (currently amended)   A system according to ~~any one of claims 10 to 14~~claim 10, wherein each device of the set of devices has associated location information.